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USDOC FOR 532/OEA/MNICKSON-DORSEY /LLAUCIUS USDOC FOR 3132 FOR FCS/OIO REGIONAL DIRECTOR WILLIAM ZARIT BICE FOR OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INVESTIGATIONS SINGAPORE FOR FCS

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HITECH HEAT TREATMENT SERVICES PTE LTD.

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- 1. Unauthorized disclosure of the information provided below is prohibited by Section 12C of the Export Administration Act.
- 12. As per reftel A request and at the direction of the Office of Enforcement Analysis (OEA) of the USDOC Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Regional Export Control Officer Philip Ankel (ECO) conducted a post shipment-verification (PSV) at Hitech Heat Treatment Services Pte. Ltd., 57 Joo Koon Circle, Singapore (Hitech). The item in question is one absolute pressure transducer exported to Hitech on or about October 10, 2007. The item is classified under Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) 2B230 and is controlled for nuclear nonproliferation reasons (NP). exporter was MKS Instruments Inc. or Andover, Massachusetts.
- 13. According to the Singapore companies registry, Hitech was registered in 1991 and its registered share capital is the Singapore
- dollar equivalent of approximately USD 1.25 million. Its directors are Malaysia national, Oan, Kim Eng and Singapore citizen, Yio Oon Koon and Singapore permanent resident, Lim Tien Hwa. Messrs Lim and Yio are are also the shareholders of the company.
- 14. A review of the company's web site (www.hitech.sg) reveals that the company specializes in providing heat treatment services to a range of manufacturing sectors including aerospace, power generation, military, electronics, etc. Its services include Vacuum heat treatment, protective atmosphere heat treatment, plasma surface treatment as well as cryogenic treatment, among others.
- 15. On April 21, 2008, the ECO, accompanied by a representative of Singapore Customs visited the company and met with Mr. Wilfredo Linao, Plant Superintendent. Mr. Linao provided a brief description of the company consistent with the information on the company's web
- $\underline{\mathbb{1}}6$ . As to the particular item in question, Mr. Linao confirmed that the company had received the transducer and was using it on a Fours BMI furnace. Mr. Linao provided the ECO with documentation confirming receipt. Mr. Linao then took the ECO to the plant floor where the ECO was able to inspect the item on the back of the furnace. Mr. Linao also confirmed that the company has received the applicable license conditions from the exporter (MKS).
- At the time visited, Hitech appeared to be a suitable recipient of the commodities shipped since Hitech cooperated with the PSV, provided ECO with access to the item and related documents and operates a line of business consistent with the use of the items. Also, Hitech is familiar with the applicable license conditions and expressed its commitment to comply with them.